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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION QUITO FROM AMCONSUL GUAYAQUIL SEPT 12,  
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SUBJ: REACTIONS TO CHILEAN COUP: BOMBS AND TEAR GAS

1. GUAYAQUIL EXPERIENCED A CERTAIN DEGREE OF STUDENT-PROVOKED  
UNREST SEPTEMBER 11 IN THE WAKE OF CHILEAN PRESIDENT ALLENDE'S OVER-  
THROW AND SUBSEQUENT SUICIDE. ALTHOUGH SUBSTANTIAL CROWDS GATHERED  
AND THREE DYNAMITE BOMBS SET OFF IN NEIGHBORHOOD OF CONSULATE  
GENERAL, RAPID POLICE RESPONSE QUICKLY CONTAINED AND DISPERSED  
DEMONSTRATORS WITHOUT REPORTED CASUALTIES.

2. NEWS FROM CHILE COINCIDED WITH STUDENT MEETING ALREADY UNDER-  
WAY AT UNIVERSITY OF GUAYAQUIL DOWNTOWN STUDENT CENTER COMMEMORATING  
DEATH OF YOUNG TEACHER DURING DEMONSTRATION LAST MONTH (GUAYAQUIL 921  
AND PREVIOUS). MEETING EXPECTEDLY FLOWED OUT INTO STREETS OF CENTRAL  
BUSINESS DISTRICT WHERE IT WAS DISPERSED WITH TEAR GAS ABOUT MIDDAY.

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3. POTENTIALLY MORE SERIOUS INCIDENT DEVELOPED DURING EARLY EVENING

AS GROUP OF STUDENTS ESTIMATED AT SEVERAL HUNDRED GATHERED FOR PRO-  
ALLENDE PEP RALLY AT MAIN UNIVERSITY CAMPUS ON EDGE OF CITY,  
BEGAN MARCHING TOWARD CENTER OF TOWN ALONG GUAYAQUIL MAIN STREET  
NUEVE DE OCTUBRE (ON WHICH CONGEN LOCATED). DEMONSTRATION  
HOWEVER, APPARENTLY CAME AS NO SURPRISE TO POLICE WHO RESPONDED  
IN FORCE AND WITH NOTABLE ENERGY, BLOCKING OFF ROUTE OF MARCH TO  
PEDESTRIANS AND DISPERSING CROWD AWAY FROM CITY. THREE EXPLOSIONS,  
REPORTEDLY OF DYNAMITE CHARGES, WERE THROWN FROM CAR IN HEAVY  
TRAFFIC ON NUEVE DE OCTUBRE BUT NONE CLOSER THAN SEVERAL BLOCKS  
FROM CONSULATE.

4. WE GRATIFIED BY TIMELY AND SPONTANEOUS POLICE RESPONSE TO  
POTENTIAL CONGEN SECURITY PROBLEMS, THEY HAVING STATIONED SOME TWO  
DOZEN RIOT POLICE PLUS ARMORED CAR WITH TEAR GAS CANNON PROMINENTLY  
IN FRONT OF BUILDING. NO CASUALTIES REPORTED FROM ABOVE FESTIVITIES.  
CITY APPARENTLY RETURNED TO NORMAL BUT WE DO NOT DISCOUNT  
POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER DISTURBANCES DURING NEXT FEW DAYS.

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